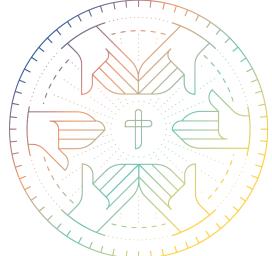
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SMALL GROUP GUIDE

Mine or Yours?: "Five Ways to Steward Your Money"

Scripture Focus: 1 Timothy 6

ICEBREAKER

What's one money habit you picked up from your family—good or bad—that you still notice in your life today?

OR

If you had to describe your relationship with money in one word (e.g., stressful, freeing, confusing, disciplined), what word would you choose, and why?

SERMON SUMMARY

Money is one of the greatest tests of discipleship because it so easily competes for our trust. In 1 Timothy 6, Paul reminds us that true wealth is godliness with contentment, not chasing after more. This week, we learned five biblical ways to steward money: bring it (tithing), grow it (saving and investing), owe it (responsibly paying debts and taxes), give it (generosity), and spend it (enjoying what God provides). In our lives, there are no neutral financial decisions and every choice we make shapes our stewardship.

What stood out to you from Pastor David's message?

INTO THE WORD

Read 1 Timothy 6:2–5. Why is it dangerous to think of godliness as a means for financial gain? How does putting God first change the way we see money as a tool?

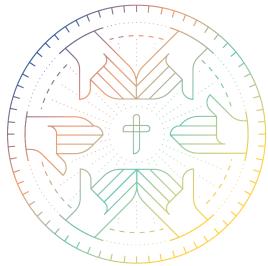
Read 1 Timothy 6:6–8 and Ecclesiastes 5:18–20. What's the difference between "being content" and "settling for less"? How can practicing contentment free us from anxiety about money?

Read Proverbs 3:9–10, Proverbs 21:20, and 1 Timothy 6:17–19. Which of these five practices comes most naturally to you, and which is most challenging: Bring it, Grow it, Owe it, Give it, Spend it? Why?

Read 1 Timothy 6:11–19. In what ways does stewardship call us to sacrifice, while also inviting us to enjoy God's good gifts?

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EMBRACE AND EMBODY

God wants us to experience the true wealth of godliness <u>with</u> contentment. By practicing the five ways to steward money (Bring, Grow, Owe, Give, Spend), we can align ourselves with God's wisdom, and experience true peace and contentment with our finances. This week, ask the Holy Spirit to reveal any actions or attitudes that may need to be surrendered, and for guidance on how to take practical steps to live generously by following God's plan with your money.

Take time to memorize 1 Timothy 6:6-7 which says, "But godliness with contentment is great gain, for we brought nothing into the world, and we cannot take anything out of the world". Memorizing this truth helps to remind us to be wise stewards with our finances and to trust God as the owner and provider of all that we have.

CLOSING PRAYER

Father, thank You that You have good plans for us and know us better than we know ourselves. Help us to experience the true wealth of godliness with contentment. Help us to reject the love of money and to live generously with what You have given us. Teach us to bring, grow, owe, give and spend in ways that honor You. In Jesus' name, Amen.